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...AND OTHER TALES TO BLOW YOUR MIND!
THE WORM TURNS!
THE NIGHT OF THE GHOST-BEAST!

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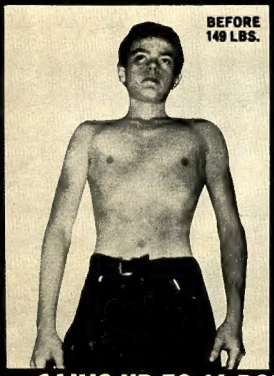
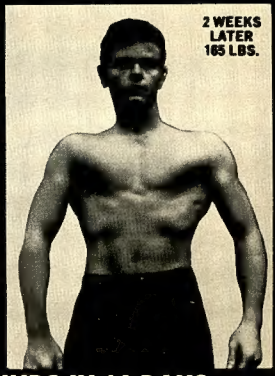
THE END OF THE SKINNY BODY.





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I DEAL IN SECRETS--OTHER PEOPLES' SECRETS--YET, I ALONE POSSESS THE GREATEST SECRET OF ALL!!
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AND INSTANTLY--

--I HAVE BECOME--

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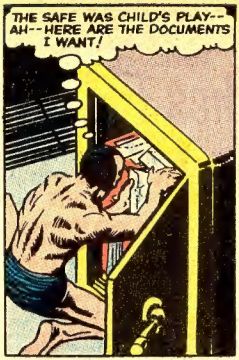
PRESENTLY...
ALL SECRET DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CHECKED AND LOCKED AWAY! SO WE MAY LEAVE NOW, MAJOR!
IT IS ALL SO EASY! SO VERY EASY!



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PERMISSION GRANTED!

WHAT A BREAK! THIS IS THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! I'VE GOT TO GET THOSE NOTES BEFORE THE PROFESSOR CAN DESTROY THEM!

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OH! NO!

THE RAT! HE'S BLOCKING THE PASSAGE!! HE'S SEEN ME!!

ONE CHANCE!! HE'S STRADDLING THE WIRE! IF I CAN JUST PULL-- THERE!! I DID IT!

I THREW HIM OFF BALANCE-- HE'LL NEVER CLIMB OUT OF THAT HOLE! B-BUT WHAT'S THAT FALLING WITH HIM? IT LOOKS LIKE-- LIKE--

HIS CLAWS CAUGHT MY PILL CASE! MY PILLS ARE GONE!

I CAN'T GO DOWN TO RETRIEVE THEM! I WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! BUT IF I DON'T GET THEM, I'LL REMAIN THIS HORRIBLE SIZE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!!
...AND IF I CALL FOR HELP, I'LL BE CAUGHT BY THE AUTHORITIES AND SENTENCED AS A SPY!!

TIME GROWS SHORT!! WHAT CAN I DO??
WHAT CAN I DO??
THE END

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BEOWULF, VETERAN OF A THOUSAND CAMPAIGNS, DEPLOYS HIS FORCES...

SCOUTS, TO THE *FORE*! WE MUST BE IN POSITION BEFORE *NIGHT-FALL*!

WHAT *IS* IT? WHAT'S *WRONG*?

ONE OF THE *SCOUTS* IS RETURNING...

LOOK OUT! HE IS *MAD*!!

REGRETFULLY, BEOWULF DRAWS HIS *SWORD*...

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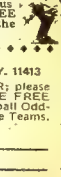

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A MAID... TIED TO THAT TREE! FREE HER!

NO! YOU MUST NOT!

WHAT?! ARE YOU MAD? WHY DO YOU NOT WISH TO BE RESCUED?

I AM TO BE A SACRIFICE TO THE BEAST-GOD!

GO-- LEAVE ME-- I BEG OF YOU!

THIS BEAST-GOD... IS IT A SPIRIT OR A PHYSICAL BEING?

IT IS SOLID ENOUGH... BUT YOU CANNOT--

YES I CAN! WHAT IS FLESH AND BLOOD CAN BE KILLED! I AM GOING TO FIGHT IT!

...THEN BEWARE OF ITS EYES! TO LOOK IN THEM CAUSES MADNESS!

BUT WHAT IS IT?-- MAN, DEVIL OR ANIMAL?

IT IS NONE OF THOSE THINGS... AND ALL OF THEM! IT IS ONE OF THE OLD ONES, WHO DWELT ON EARTH LONG BEFORE THE COMING OF MAN...

BUT-- SEE FOR YOURSELF! FOR, IT IS APPROACHING NOW!

...AND THE BATTLE IS JOINED!

REMEMBER! DO NOT LOOK INTO ITS EYES!

FOR A TIME, THE OUTCOME IS IN *DOUBT*...

IT IS THE *MONSTER* WHO WEAKENS FIRST, AND...

HE HAS *DONE* IT!

THE BEAST IS *DEAD!*

SOON, BEOWULF AND HIS MEN MAKE A *TRIUMPHAL ENTRY* INTO THE WALLED CITY, WHERE THEY ARE GREETED AS LIBERATORS...

BUT, TO THE DISMAY OF THE POPULATION HE PROVES TO BE, NOT A GALLANT *DEFENDER*, BUT A RUTHLESS *CONQUERER*...

...AND THIS IS MY *DAUGHTER*, THE PRINCESS *ULANA!*

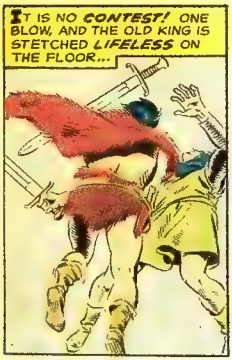
GOOD... I WILL MAKE HER MY *HANDMAIDEN!* ...FETCH ME SOME *WINE*, GIRL!

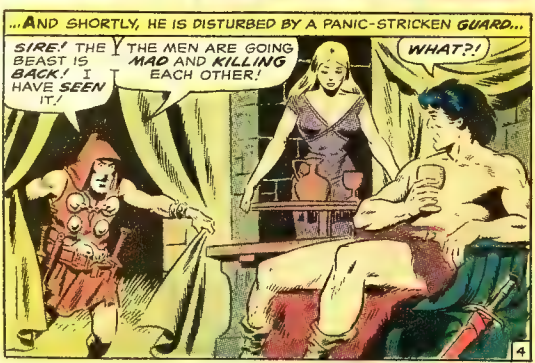
YOUR MEN ARE *RAVAGING* AND *LOOTING* MY KINGDOM! YOU CANNOT *DO* THIS--

IT IS NOT *YOUR* KINGDOM NOW... IT IS *MINE!* WHERE I AM, I *RULE!*

THEN YOU MUST *DIE!*

YOU *OLD FOOL!* DON'T FORCE ME TO--





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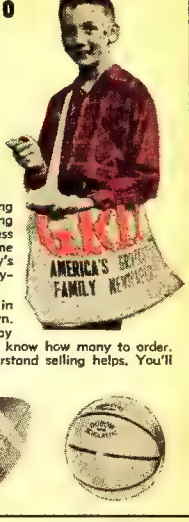

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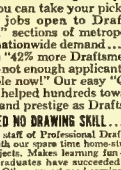

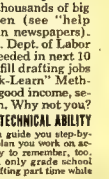

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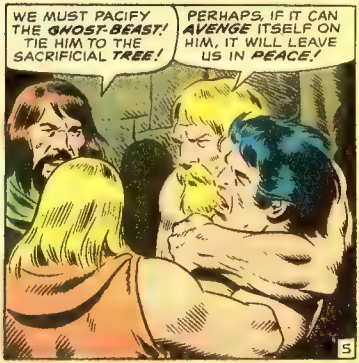
IN THE DAYS--AND NIGHTS--THAT FOLLOW, MORE AND MORE OF HIS MEN GO MAD...

...AND DIE, LEAVING HIM AT LAST WITH ONLY A HANDFUL OF MEN TO HOLD A KINGDOM...

UNTIL FINALLY, ONE NIGHT...
SEIZE HIM!
WHAT...?!

BEOWULF STRUGGLES VALIANTLY, BUT...
GUARDS!
YOU CALL IN VAIN, BARBARIAN! YOUR MEN ARE ALL DEAD!


WE MUST PACIFY THE GHOST-BEAST! TIE HIM TO THE SACRIFICIAL TREE!
PERHAPS, IF IT CAN AVENGE ITSELF ON HIM, IT WILL LEAVE US IN PEACE!

THEY LEAVE BEOWULF TO HIS *FATE*... AND SOON...

SOMETHING APPROACHING...

BEOWULF!

PRINCESS ULANA! HOW... AND WHY...?

NO *TIME* FOR THAT, NOW, *YOU* MUST RID US OF THE GHOST-BEAST!

BUT, *HOW?* I CANNOT KILL A *GHOST!*

I HAVE BROUGHT YOU THE *RING!* AS YOU SUSPECTED IT *IS* MAGIC! PUT IT ON, *QUICKLY!*

AS HE PUTS ON THE RING, A SURGE OF *FORCE* STUNS HIS SENSES, AND HE FALLS TO THE GROUND...

...AND, WHEN CONSCIOUSNESS *RETURNS*...

BEOWULF! THE BEAST COMES!

BUT, I HAVE NO *SWORD*... NO *SHIELD!*

THE *RING* IS SWORD AND SHIELD ENOUGH! THE GHOST WILL *FLEE*, BUT YOU MUST *PERSIST*, EVEN THOUGH IT RETREATS TO THE *LAND OF SHADOWS!*

AGAIN, THE TWO SAVAGE *FOES* MEET, AND *AGAIN*, BEOWULF FINDS THE BEAST GOD A *SOLID, PHYSICAL FORM...!*

REMEMBER BEOWULF! *DO NOT LET GO...*

RECOILING FROM THE RING, AS IF IN *AGONY*, THE BEAST *STRUGGLES* TO ESCAPE, BUT THE MIGHTY BARBARIAN MAINTAINS HIS *GRIP*...

AT LAST, THERE COMES AN END... THE BEAST BEGINS TO WEAKEN AND FALTER...

...TO GROW SMALLER AND LESS SUBSTANTIAL BY THE MINUTE, UNTIL...

IT IS GONE...!

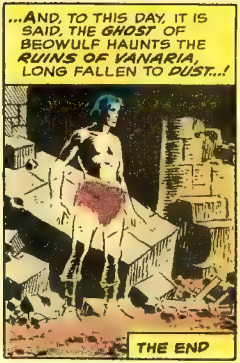
HE REACHES FOR THE GIRL...
...AND NOW, I SHALL NEED A HOSTAGE TO... WHAT?!

YOU... YOU ARE NOT REAL! ARE YOU A GHOST...?
NO, BUT COME... I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!

THEY RETURN THE TREE, AND HE GASPS...
MY BODY!

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES... I WAS ABLE TO FIGHT THE GHOST...

...BECAUSE I AM DEAD TOO! YOU TRICKED ME!
YES... I PUT A POISON-TIPPED PIN INSIDE THE RING! FAREWELL, BEOWULF! YOU DID US A SERVICE, AFTER ALL!


...AND, TO THIS DAY, IT IS SAID, THE GHOST OF BEOWULF HAUNTS THE RUINS OF VANARIA, LONG FALLEN TO DUST...!
THE END

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REMEMBER, FAL TON, I *ALONE* AM WORTH EXCHANGING *IDEAS* WITH, I ALONE AM AN OASIS OF LIGHT ON THIS DARK, *SAVAGE* EARTH!

RICHLY REWARDING *INDEED*, FAL TON!

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THIS LANDING MUST BE PERFECT, HOWARD!
WE HAVE FUEL FOR BUT ONE ATTEMPT!
THEIR SHIP'S LANDING!
IT'S LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE!
THE SHIP!
MY GOD! IT... IT... THE DOORS OPENING!
HOWARD!
BBBBBRRRROOOM!!
HOWARD!
WHERE ARE YOU, HOWARD?
WE AWAIT YOU, HOWARD!
THERE IS SO MUCH WE WISH TO KNOW!
NNOOOOOOOO
THERE IS NOTHING HERE... NOTHING AT ALL...
INSTRUMENT ERROR, PERHAPS!
NO POINT IN EXPLORING FURTHER!
A SHAME WE COULD NOT CONTACT THE HOWARD!
DON'T FORGET TO WIPE YOUR FEET, FAN TON! WE DON'T WANT TO TRACK ANYTHING BACK INTO THE SHIP!
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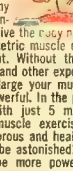

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ONLY *ONE MORE* NAIL TO PULL OUT!

THEN I CAN TURN THIS SIGN *COMPLETELY AROUND!*

ONE WAY

HAH! WHAT A *GROOVE* THIS IS!

NO *FAKE* SOUND EFFECTS FOR ME! THIS'LL BE THE *REAL THING!*

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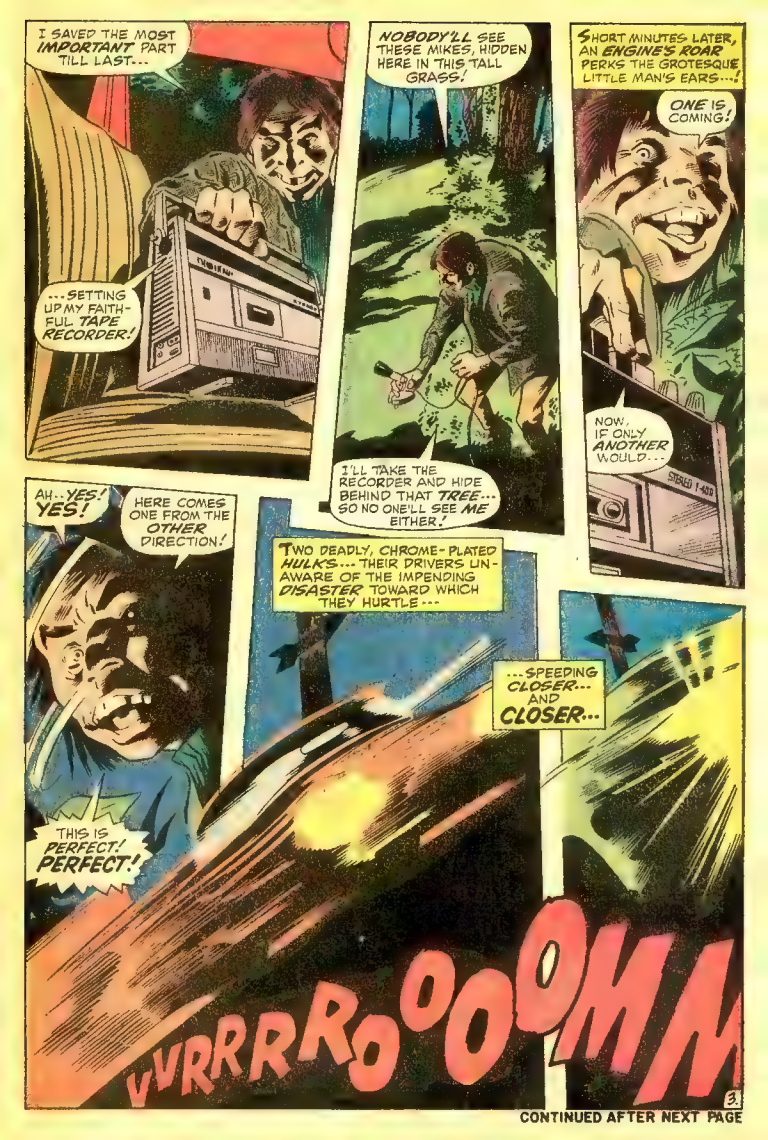
RAP! RAP!

THERE! I GOT TWO SIGNS POINTING *TOWARD* EACH OTHER!

WOW! WHATTA *SOUND* THIS'LL BE!



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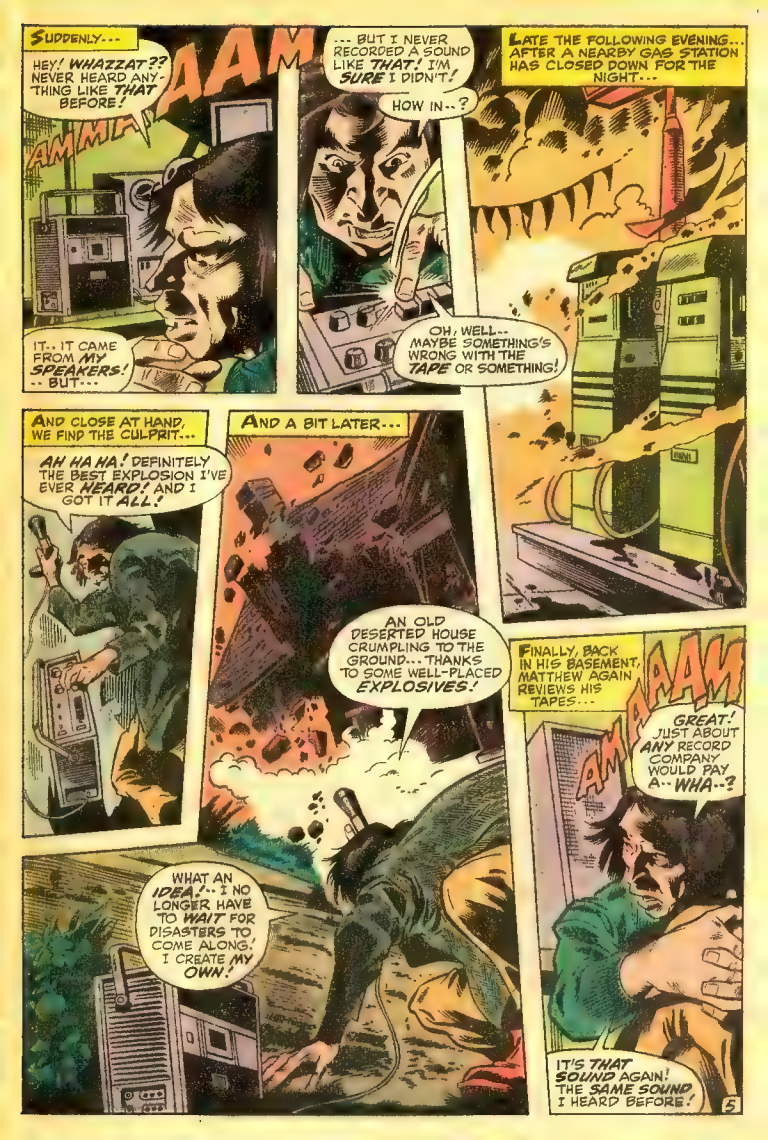
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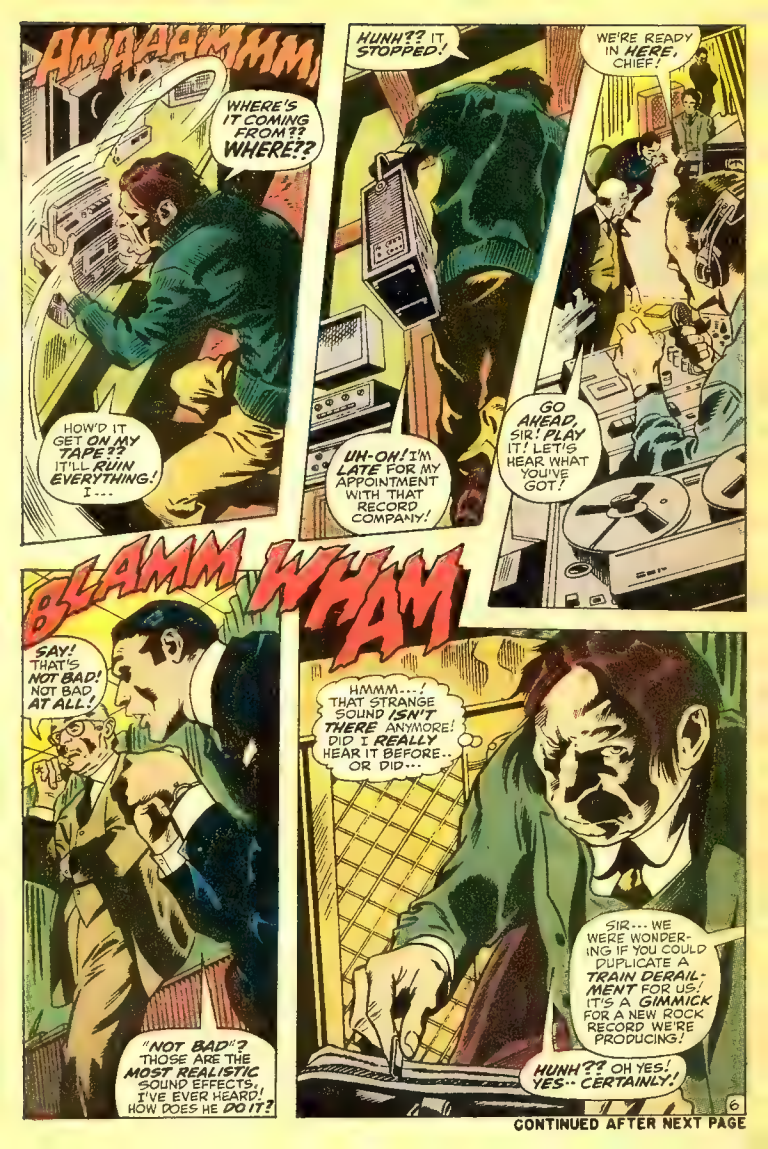

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AMMAAAA

BUT HOW *COULD* IT BE ?? THIS THING ISN'T EVEN *TURNED ON!*

WHY DO I KEEP *HEARING IT?*

THEN HE *SEES* IT! BUT IT'S *TOO LATE* TO RUN!

AMMMAAAA

NOT *EXACTLY* THE SAME AS BEFORE! NOT AS *HIGH-PITCHED!* BUT STILL...

NOW IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM *BEHIND* ME...

...BUT *HOW* COULD...

NO! NOOO!!

AND AS HE *SCREAMS,* THE SOUND BECOMES *EXACTLY* AS IT WAS BEFORE... FOR *THAT'S* WHAT HE HEARD BEFORE...THE ROAR OF AN ONRUSHING *TRAIN* COMBINED WITH THE SOUND OF *HIS OWN* HIGH-PITCHED, FRIGHTENED *SQUEAL!*

HMMM...WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW THAT MALICIOUS MATTHEW WOULD *DIE* WITHOUT EVER REALIZING HIS *GREATEST* ACCOMPLISHMENT--THAT HE HAD SOMEHOW TAPE-RECORDED THE *FUTURE*...AND HIS OWN *DEATH?*

THE END

Tomes from the Tower!

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Dear Stan,

Just latched on to the latest TOWER OF SHADOWS, #4. Marie's cover, I feel, was not too good. She was one of my favorites, back when she was pencilling the Hulk, but now she seems to have changed her style and gotten more comical, especially in anatomy. I myself would prefer to have John Romita back doing the bulk of covers.

And speaking of John Romita, it looked to me as if he did more than "do some of the faces over" in "From Beyond the Brink" (T.O.S. #1). I could swear he re-inked the whole thing! I hope the same thing won't be done with Craig's second story: Johnny's art is good enough as is.

But, on to the stories this ish. The one that intrigued me most, artwise, was "One Little Indian." Gene Colan's perspective on the first page was perfect! And you used one of Gene's perfect inkers—Dan Adkins. I have been a fan of this duo since Dan inked one of Gene's IRON MAN thrillers way back when. For any other stories that Gene does for your ghostly mags, I hope Adkins, Giacoia, or Shores will handle the inking. To bring out the true greatness of Colan's art the inks have to be just right. The above three fill the bill, and even Sinnott (your best inker) cannot do true justice to Gene's work.

Whew! I've rambled on about art for so long, that, before signing off, I'd like to say three things: (1) the stories this ish were all good; (2) continue to use Bullpenners to narrate the stories in T.O.S. and C.O.D.; and (3) Have Syd Shores illustrate another story for your weirdie mags. His art in CHAMBER OF DARKNESS #2 left me panting for more!

Joe Lenius, 4850 West Adams St.
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Scintillatin' Syd shall return, Joe! You have our word . . . and we all know how good that is! Matter of fact, by the time you're reading this, you should have seen Syd's story "Time Out" in TOWER #5. See how easy it is to make a promise that you've already fulfilled? But that's not all—Syd is working on one or two more for ye olde bizarre bookes. Soooo, stay with us and see!

Dear Stan,

"Evil is a Baaaaad Scene!", despite its unfortunate name (not as bad as "I Created Spor" etc. in WHERE MONSTERS DWELL #2) and the predictable participation of the cat, was the best story in TOWER OF SHADOWS #4. What a deliciously terrible fate for those who meddle with the forces of darkness. And, having to use the L.I.R.R. yet!

Incidentally, "Tetrogrammaton" was spelled wrongly with one "m", though you managed to get it right on the pentagram. But, you got "Lucifer" and "Belial" right. Makes one wonder where your loyalties lie, hmm? The Inquisitor will see you about that!

Alistar had the book and the candle . . . maybe he should have had a bell for that cat! Come to think of it, maybe Sam Rosen was right to misspell the name of the Name while it is being so abused. And "—revenge is SO POPULAR!!" Beautiful!

"One Little Indian" was trivial and predictable.

"To Sneak . . . Perchance to Scream!" was similar to something I remember from MAD way back, but the treatment was better and retains the emotional force of the house's agony.

Thomas W. Bulmer, 138 Lincoln Ave.
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Glad you liked 'em all, Tom. You sound like a man so up on your sorcery that we wouldn't want to hassle over a simple spelling error.

Dear Stan,

C'mon, Tom Sutton. Not that old "mad-scientist-dumb-assistant-'SMEK-SMEK'-weird-art" routine again. Harvey Kurtzman and Bill Elder did that thing a dozen times before in the MAD comic book. Sure, you did a good job of it. Sure, it was funny. But, it was exactly the same, right down to the final "SMEKSMEK!"

If you're going to do it, at least try to get it right. The humor was too hard-pressed. You should have kept it down a bit.

Seems like everybody's trying to get back to the old EC style of sf comics. You guys do it the best with good art and stories. But, a few suggestions: Archie Goodwin is good at these kinds of stories—so put him on a few; make up some new art teams to try out—like Kirby-Palmer, Colan-Buscema, or Heck-Severin.

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Did you mean a long and continued success . . . or a long way to go to improve??? Well, whichever it was, Frank, we'll think about those suggestions. As you see, we'd also like some advice from the gang out there.

Oh, one thing about the old EC's—the Bullpen gang can get so naturally nostalgic over that bunch of vanished masterpieces, that we figured to give Terrifyin' Tom a chance to let it all out of the bag for a bit. Hope you didn't mind it too much, chum.

Dear Stan,

I've never been much of a Marvel fan before, but this TOWER OF SHADOWS is just about the greatest!

The first story in TOWER OF SHADOWS #4 is the one I like best in this issue—it was a real unexpected ending! Can't wait to go buy an issue of CHAMBER OF DARKNESS! Please keep them coming.

I'd really like to become a big Marvel fan, like my husband. Our favorite pastime is sitting around putting all our old Marvels in order.

Why is it when I read the fan pages, it only has letters from male fans? Don't girls like Marvels, too?

Marie and John Cinquezrana, 2878 Olga Place
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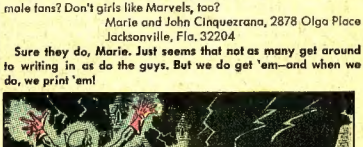

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